

MEMOIRS: 2005 – 2006

CLERGY

Eva D. Cutler



A past recipient of the Jefferson Award for services to the deaf and blind, Eva was born in Portland, ME on September 19, 1931, the daughter of Rosco and Murial (Lohnes) Cutler. After graduating from Portland schools, Eva worked for many years at the Baxter State School for the Deaf, as head of Student Life and Activities for 21 years.

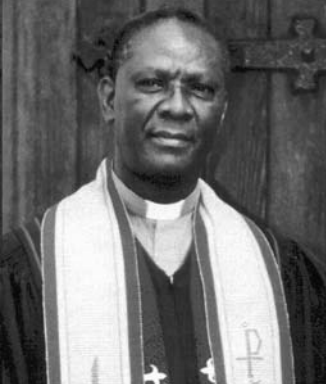
After retirement, Eva earned her B.A. in social work from Southern Maine University in 1990. She then received her M. Div. at Bangor Seminary, and was ordained elder in 1993. Eva served as pastor of the North Pownal UMC from 1990 to 1993, and the West Cumberland UMC from 1993 until her retirement in 2002 because of ill health. Her many years of social service included teaching sign language and communications motor skills at Pineland Hospital. She served at the rape crisis center as an advocate for the deaf and an interpreter for the deaf during court hearings. She volunteered at Barron Center and led Sunday services for them.

Eva died on May 8, 2006 after a long illness. Her funeral was held on May 12 at West Scarborough UMC, with the Rev. David Calhoun officiating. Burial was at Forest City Cemetery, South Portland. Eva is survived by cousins Ralph Robbins and his wife Sheridan, Christine Merriman and her husband Gerald, and Doreen Pritchard and her husband James (her caregivers), second cousins, godchild Andrea Pritchard, and several special friends.

G. Alfred Hess Jr.

Known to his family and friends as “Fred,” Rev. Hess was born on January 26, 1938. His first appointment in the former New England Conference was as Assistant Pastor in Wilmington in 1962, during which he was ordained deacon. In 1963 he was appointed to William Baxter Memorial UMC in Shelbourne Falls, and then returned to school in 1966–67. Fred joined the staff at the Ecumenical Institute in 1968 where he gave 12 years of distinguished service. In 1981 he became a Research Fellow at Northwestern University, Illinois, where he remained until his retirement in 2002. Fred died of cancer on January 27, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Mary (Boswick) Hess, of Chicago.

Fitz Allen John



Responding throughout his life to the call to “expect great things from God; attempt great things for God” (quoting the late William Carey), Fitz was born on December 16, 1926 at Brighton Village in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, West Indies, the son of Helen Charles and grandson of Urias and Amelia Charles, who raised him. As a young man he was outstanding in sports, especially cricket and swimming,

Fitz received a call to preach after reading “Cyril of Caesarea” in *Twelve Brave Boys*. He was the first black man to successfully complete Methodist candidacy in St. Vincent.

He completed his training at Caenwood United Theological Seminary in Jamaica in 1958. From there he served in Bensonton, St. Ann, and Falmouth, Trelawny. He continued his education at Pittsburg Theological Seminary (PA) in 1964, married Fay Bailey in 1965, and completed his Master’s in 1969 at The University of Birmingham, England.

His ministerial accomplishments included being Chairman of the District in Belize in 1972, Pastor of St. John’s Methodist Church in Montego Bay, Jamaica, in 1975, and Pastor of Coke Methodist Church, Kingston in 1981. Migrating to Boston that year, Fitz began a 12-year pastorate at Greenwood UMC in Dorchester. After his retirement in 1996, he and Fay relocated to Palm Bay, Florida, in 1998, where he served as Minister of Religion at Palm Bay UMC.

Central to Fitz’s ministry was his advocacy for the poor and the disenfranchised, social justice in church and world, youth ministry, and respect for the Discipline. At Montego Bay, Fitz led the establishment of St. John’s Community Action Center. In Boston at the Church of All Nations, he helped create a program called “Saturday’s and Sunday’s Bread,” to feed the homeless. In Dorchester, Fitz led his church to raise approximately \$300,000 for missions. In cooperation with his colleagues he founded The Greenwood Family Life Center, which offered ESL, and computer literacy classes and job placement help to youth, as part of an effort to reduce street crime. As a member of the Brevard Community Sports and Culture Association (BCASCA), he set up a building fund and continued his personal ministry, aptly called “Here and There for God.” During all these ministries, he found time to enjoy cricket, travel, and dominoes.

Fitz died on September 20, 2005 in Palm Bay, FL. His funeral was held at Palm Bay UMC on September 30, with the Rev. Patricia Downs presiding. Burial was at Brighton Methodist church Cemetery, St. Vincent & the Grenadines. The first of three memorial services was also held on October 22, 1005 at Greenwood

Memorial UMC, Dorchester with the Revs. Dr. Alex Musoke, Dr. Wesley Roberts, Errol Leslie, and Garvin Warden officiating. The second memorial service was held at Kingstown Methodist Church, St. Vincent, on November 26, followed by a service at St. John's Methodist Church, Montego Bay, on December 28, 2005. His wife of 40 years, Fay John; two daughters, Catherine John and Julia John, and a large family survive Fitz.

Tomila Joanna C. Louise



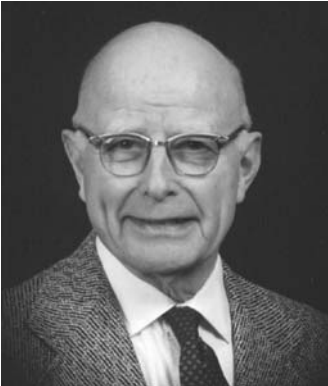
Well known in Native American and youth ministries as well as artistic works, Tomila, called “Nan” by family and friends, was born on July 20, 1930 in Orlando, FL and grew up in Findlay, Ohio. She graduated from Liberty Benton High School, and then served in the US Air Force from 1952 to 1954. She graduated from Findlay College in 1957 and entered candidacy for ordination in the Ohio West Conference.

In 1962 Nan earned her Master of Divinity degree from Boston University School of Theology. Transferring into the New England Southern Conference, she served several churches including Weston UMC and Sanford, ME, retiring on disability in 1976.

During her active later years, Nan expanded her youth work to lead camps at Mechuwana (ME) and elsewhere. She was a volunteer and past director of the UNICEF office in Maine. Her advocacy of Native American Ministries was well known, including her use of a teepee at one or more annual conferences. Nan's artistic ability was evident in her murals painted in Nicaragua in support of the Conference's Covenant there. She designed and made several large theme banners at Annual Conference. Her gentle and generous manner became a blessing to all who knew her.

After a long period of declining health, Nan died on October 27, 2005 at Epoch Sr. Health Care Center, Brewster, MA. At her request there was no funeral. But her friends and family honored her at memorial services at Christian Union Church, North Truro, MA on November 6, 2005, and at Eastham UMC on December 3, 2005. Nan was also remembered at a later gathering at Camp Mechuwana, ME. Nan is survived by her former spouse, the Rev. Helen Dukes, and a son, Peter Lunn, both of Bowling Green, Ohio; two daughters, Chrystina Lunn-Gilgeous, of Silver Springs, MD, and Anna Laws of Ludlow, KY; a brother, Eugene Lunn of Ohio; and several grandchildren.

Lewis H. Moulton



An active and inspiring model of ministry on various levels, Lewis was born on January 22, 1914 in Moultonboro, NH to F. Harvey and Nina Louise (Smith) Moulton. He graduated from Quimby School (H.S.), Sandwich, NH in 1933 and earned a BS in Forestry at the University of New Hampshire in 1937, as well as being elected vice president of Tau Kappa Epsilon there. His seminary education included both Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, KY, and Boston University School of Theology, where he earned a B.S.T. degree (later changed to an M.Th.) in 1945.

Meanwhile, Lewis was ordained deacon in the North Indiana Conference in May 1944, followed by Elder's orders and full membership in the former New Hampshire Conference in 1946. Beginning in 1942, Lewis served churches in Matthews, Mt. Hope and Anderson, Indiana; followed by Suncook, Groveton/Stratford/Stark, Laconia, Manchester, and Portsmouth, NH. In May 1961 he became Northern New Hampshire District Superintendent.

During these busy years, Lewis was also a delegate to the Northeast Jurisdictional Conference in 1960, 1964, and 1968, the 1964 regular session and the 1966 Adjourned Session of General Conference, and a member of the Jurisdictional Committee to Equalize Fiscal Matters. Lewis also served on the Preachers Aid society, the NH Conf Nominating Committee, the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Board of Pensions, and the New England Bible Society, among others. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Deaconess Hospital, Boston, and the Board of Directors of the Tilton School (NH). He retired in 1978, completing 36 years of ministry. Hobbies included working in wood and on machinery, as well as building and maintaining structures of various kinds.

Lewis died on September 24, 2005 after a brief illness. His wife of 60 years, Virginia (Bird) Moulton, predeceased him in

February 2003, after which he lived near his daughter Nina in an assisted living facility in Wilmore, KY. A memorial service was held in

Wilmore on October 3, 2005, with the Rev. Harry Stevenson presiding. Burial was in Mason Cemetery, Moultonboro, NH on June 10, 2006, with the Rev. Thomas Thies officiating. A son Harvey and a daughter, Nina Pneuman, of Wilmore, KY, survive Lewis,

Charlotte Sandra Nachbar



Combining Jewish and Christian heritage in a unique and wise unity, Charlotte was born on May 4, 1938 in Manchester, NH, the daughter of Abraham and Sara Bresnick. She was married in 1959 to Alvin Saxe and they had two daughters, Barbara and Marjorie. She also raised a nephew, Barry Steinberg. She met her second husband, Robert, in Plymouth, NH, and they were married on July 5, 1970.

Charlotte had extensive education background, including two Master's degrees. She was just a few credits short of a PhD. She served as a speech and language pathologist in the Manchester (NH) School District for 20 years. She was also a college English professor.

After attending seminary in 1989–90, she served churches in Franklin, NH (1990–91), Merrimac, MA and East Kingston, NH (1991–95), Merrimacport and Newburyport, MA (1996–7), St Paul's UMC, Newport, RI (1997–99), and People's UMC, South Portland, ME (1999–2000). In January 2000 she had surgery, which nearly claimed her life. Soon afterwards, she took disability leave until her retirement in 2005. Then she and Bob traveled to Israel, Europe, the Caribbean, Panama, Alaska, and other parts of the world. An avid and adventurous sports woman, Charlotte skied in the Colorado Rockies and New Hampshire, swam at Rye Beach, NH as a young person, and even went parasailing. Eventually, they settled in Portsmouth, NH.

Charlotte is remembered by her parishioners as kind and courageous, "always giving." Her daughter characterized her as "the most driven, energetic, generous and loving woman I ever knew." Charlotte took wonderful care of her ailing husband Bob, during and after her pastorates. He finally died of heart failure on August 25, 2005. Charlotte donated Bob's scooter to the Merrimac Senior Center.

Charlotte died unexpectedly of complications following surgery on April 10, 2006 at Mass General Hospital, Boston. Her funeral was held at Stanetsky Memorial Chapel, Canton, MA on April 12. Burial was at Sharon Memorial Cemetery. A memorial service was held at Merrimacport UMC on May 27, 2006, with the Rev. Pamela Maden presiding. Two daughters, Barbara Levin of Hingham, MA, and Marjorie Leahan of Northampton, MA survive Charlotte. Seven grandchildren; one nephew, a grand niece and a grand nephew. Her husband, a brother, and a sister predeceased her.

John W. Ward Jr.



Best known as professor of homiletics and field education at Boston University School of Theology, John was born on October 1, 1927 in Borger, TX to John W (Sr.) and Gladys (Everett) Ward, John Jr.'s maternal great-great-grandfather was a Methodist circuit rider in central Texas. John grew up in western Kansas, and graduated from Garden City High School as valedictorian of the class of 1947. After attending Garden City Junior College, he received his B.A. magna cum laude from Southwestern College in Winfield, KS in 1950. He then earned a Master's Degree in speech and theater at Kansas

State Teachers College, Emporia (now Emporia State University) in 1952. The following year John studied at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland on a Rotary Foundation Scholarship. His B.D. degree was earned in 1955 at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas TX. In 1964, John earned his PhD in speech and communications at Northwestern University. During those years he taught preaching at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois.

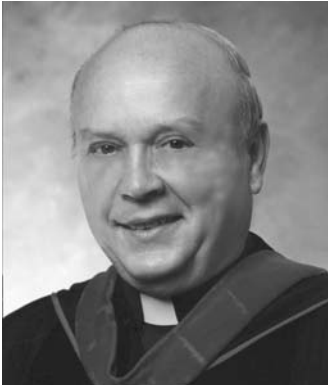
John was ordained in the Kansas Conference and served as a student pastor in the rural churches of Latham and Eskridge. These were followed by pastorates in Coatesville and Gary, Indiana. Coming to New England as an Affiliate Member of the Conference, he was summer pastor for 33 years of Cuttyhunk Island (MA) Union Methodist Church (1967–99). As a professor he taught at Roosevelt University in Chicago, the University of Indiana at Gary, and McMurry College in Abilene, KS before moving to Massachusetts in 1965. There he became Associate Professor of Homiletics at Boston University School of Theology, teaching courses in preaching, oral communication, and the experience of prayer. He became a member of the American Academy of Homiletics In 1970–71 the Ward family took a sabbatical year in Nairobi, Kenya, where John worked with the National Christian Council of Kenya. He retired in 1995 after 30 years at Boston University.

John was also an accomplished violinist and played in the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra for many years. In his later years, he enjoyed learning “fiddling” techniques. He enjoyed music, sailing, tennis, reading, travel, story telling, and time with their grandchildren. In 2000 the Wards moved to Durham, NC where they became active in the Duke Institute for Learning in Retirement and at Resurrection UMC, Durham.

After a long period of declining health, John died on November 28, 2005 at Britthaven, Chapel Hill, NC. A memorial service was held on December 3, 2005 at Resurrection UMC, Durham, with the Rev. Larry Bowden officiating. John is sur-

vived by his wife of years, Carmen, and their two sons: Scott and Mark, all of Durham; three grandchildren; a sister, June Ward Jennison and her husband Ken of Sauna, KS; nieces, nephews, and extended family; and many friends.

Seaton Monroe Woodley Jr.



Recognized for his 40 years of ministry and community involvement, Seaton was born on July 5, 1918 in Richmond, VA to S. M. Woodley Sr. and Mary E. (Davenport) Woodley. Seaton served in World War H as a gunner on a B-17 bomber. He was wounded in action over Stuttgart, Germany, hospitalized at Walter Reed Hospital for 3 years, and required to wear leg braces for the rest of his life.

Seaton earned a BA at Gordon College, MA, studied for a year at Andover-Newton Theological School, and then earned a Master's degree at Boston University School of Theology in 1955, the same year as he was ordained elder. He became pastor of Linden UMC, Maiden (1953–57), Trinity UMC, Lynn (1957–63), Newton Centre UMC (1963–1972), and College Avenue UMC, Somerville, from 1973 until his retirement in 1983. In the year following, he was asked to come to Peoples' UMC, Newburyport, where he served for 11 years. He was also a member of his District Board of Missions.

In addition to his pastorates, Seaton was chaplain of the Lynn Fire Department, chaplain at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, and member of the Rotary Club in Somerville. He and his wife Vera, whom he married in March 1945 during his recovery, raised and showed German Shepherds in obedience trials, under the auspices of the American Kennel Club. At one time the Woodleys owned 4 of these fine dogs, which participated in a Christmas service at College Avenue UMC by bringing up gifts to the altar during the recreation of the Nativity.

Seaton is remembered as a "warm and compassionate man," "a good listener," easy-going and gracious despite his disability. He exhibited endurance, courage, and hope in the knowledge that his Lord was with him always. Surrounded by his family, he died on September 26, 2005 at the Lahey Clinic. His funeral was held at Peoples' UMC, Newburyport, MA on October 1, with the Revs. Jim Todd, Al Hillard, Wayne Underhill, Jeffrey Hughes, and Pamela Maden participating. Burial was in Harmony Cemetery, Georgetown, MA. His wife, Vera, of Peabody, MA, their son, Seaton III, of Agana, Guam, and their daughter, Jane K Martin of Harwich, MA, two sisters, Mary Foster of Woodbridge, VA, and Wilchester Hershberger of Virginia Beach, VA; and four grandchildren survive Seaton.

LAITY

Nelson D. Wood



“Skip,” as friends and family called him, was an equalization member of Annual Conference. He was born in Worcester, MA on December 16, 1955, the son of Nelson W. and Beatrice (Rowell) Wood. Skip graduated from Auburn High School in 1974 and later attended UMass in 2004–05. He worked at Worcester Tool and Burger’s Army Navy Uniform Co. for 12 years and later at Karen’s Corner Cuts in Auburn. At the time of his death he was working to become a drug and alcohol abuse counselor.

He played hockey, football, and baseball, the latter being his first love.

He was an active church member, first at Aldersgate UMC, Worcester, and later at Chariton City UMC, where he was a local lay speaker and a member of the United Methodist Men. He also served on the Conference Nominating Committee and the CMA District Committee on Lay Leadership.

Skip was known primarily for his passion for youth and urban ministry. He led the 2004 Youth Council Penny Drive at Annual Conference, resulting in his district (Central Mass) winning the trophy at Annual Conference. Skip was involved in the planning and activation of several urban ministries including Aldersgate UMC Kid’s Café and Jeremiah’s Inn, where he coached softball, WAUM, the Urban Mission Training Project, and Worcester Interfaith. Among his hobbies were gardening, photography, and writing. He was friendly and outgoing, with a great sense of humor, and enjoyed helping people, especially kids.

Skip died suddenly on August 22, 2005 of a brain hemorrhage. His funeral was held on August 25 at Chariton City UMC, with Pastors Paul Samuelson and Gary Richards officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Auburn, MA. Skip is survived by his fiancée, Danielle B. Lindner and her son, John G. Lindner Jr., of Dudley, MA; his mother, Beatrice L. Wood of Auburn, his father, Nelson W. Wood of Whitinsville; a sister, Darlene Kasmouski, of North Fort Myers, FL; two brothers, Gary A. Wood of Harwich and Kenneth M. Wood of Worcester.

SPOUSES

Georgie M. Auschenbach



A pastor's wife and partner in ministry, Georgie was born on May 3, 1931 in Dry Creek, West Virginia, to Herman H. and Darlie (Shields) Ledbetter after attending Public schools in Tennessee and West Virginia, she graduated from William Jennings Bryan College, Dayton, TN, where she met her future husband, the late Rev. Joseph S. L. Auschenbach. Together they served churches in the Southern New England Conference in West Springfield, MA, Baltic/Versailles/Jewett City, CT, Middleboro/South Middleboro, MA, Southwick, MA, Great

Barrington/Housatonic/South Egremont, MA, Mystic, CT and Chicopee Falls, MA. Music was an important part of Georgie's life. She was an active choir member at Mittineague UMC, West Springfield, MA and sang with the Sweet Adelines group. She worked part-time in retail sales in various stores while assisting in her husband's churches. She also enjoyed antique collecting, gardening, crocheting, and other crafts.

Georgie died on September 30, 2005 in West Springfield, MA. A memorial service was held on October 5, 2005 at Mittineague UMC. Private burial services were at Paucatuck Cemetery. Georgie is survived by two daughters, Marcia Day of Greenfield, MA, and Harriet Brosnan-Goodwin and her husband Wayne of Preston, CT; three sons: Frederick of Hadley, MA, and Scott and James of West Springfield; five grandchildren; a sister, Frances Varner of St. Petersburg, FL, a brother, James and his wife Paulette of Sandyville, WV; several cousins, and many nieces and nephews. Georgie was predeceased by her husband Joseph in 1997, and brother Clifford, and a sister Clarice Jean.

Kathryn Frances (Meiser) Barclay



An active and dedicated Christian woman and wife, whom her family called “a threshold person” (standing on the threshold between heaven and earth), Kay was born on June 16, 1912 in Sewickley, PA to William E. and Margaret (Parsons) Meiser. Kay earned a B.S. degree with honors in Vocational Home Economics at Indiana State Teachers College (now Indiana University of Pennsylvania) in 1934. In her senior year, Kay was president of Kappa Delta Pi (Honor Society). Later she earned a Masters in Education at the University of Pittsburgh in Juvenile Delinquency & Criminology. She joined the teaching staff and later became Dean of Girls at Ambridge School. PA.

Meanwhile, Kay met and married the Rev. John Barclay in September 1937 and began ministry with him at Martinsville and Springdale, Bound Brook, and Newark, NJ. During World War 11, she organized a Red Cross Canteen in New Brunswick and a clothing drive at the Newark U. S.O., which sent 14 tons of clothing overseas. She also worked with an undercover policewoman for a time, in a project to get pornography off the streets. An award from the district Women’s Society recognized her service work for Christian Service (WSCS). In 1949, she and her husband were appointed to the Church of All Nations, Boston, where John was chaplain for 20 years and Kay provided active leadership in Church World Service projects and kits, both there and at Calvary Church, Arlington, MA. Her work was recognized in the National Valiant Woman Award given by Church Women United at their Jubilee celebration. Kay had served as president of the Bound Brook, Newark, NJ, Boston, MA, and Arlington, MA chapters of CWU, as well as filling many other offices over the years. She also organized Bible studies and prayer groups, and was a gracious hostess in all the churches they served.

Continuing to be active in Alpha Gamma /Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority, Boston chapter, Kay was honored in 1990 to receive the Wilma Wilson Sharp Award for “distinguished service to her community and profession, outstanding leadership, and loyalty to Alpha Sigma Alpha.” The Boston Theta Alumnae Chapter of which she served as President and other offices for over 40 years nominated her for this award. At her 60th reunion in Indiana University of PA, she was inducted into the Pioneer Club of early graduates. Kay was well known not only for her service work but also for her caring, generous, and accepting nature, willing to “walk a mile in the shoes of others.” Her family characterized her as “a saint and witness to the end.”

The end of her long and fruitful life came on January 19, 2006. A family service was held in Arlington on January 21, with the Rev. Karen Bryan presiding.

Burial was at Sewickley Cemetery, PA. At a later date. A daughter, Beverly, and two grandchildren survive Kay. Her husband, John, died in 1989, and their son, John, died in 2006.

Elizabeth E. Chase



Gwendolyn M. Fenderson



Gwen was born on November 3, 1921 in East Boothbay to Lawny Farnham, a lobsterman, and Leona (Gamage) Farnham, a seamstress and baker for the Ocean Point Inn. Gwen was valedictorian of the Class of 1939 at Boothbay Harbor High School. She then moved to Portland to attend business school and lived with her aunt and uncle, Dot and Dick Robinson and their daughter Carol, in Cape Elizabeth.

Gwen was first employed by Benoit's Department Store and later by Oakhurst Dairy, where she met and married Ed Fenderson in 1946. The Fendersons built two homes and raised their daughters in Cape Elizabeth. There she was active in civic groups and playing bridge. When Ed became a Methodist minister, they served churches in the former Maine Conference at Fryeburg Harbor, Waterford, Bailey's and Orr's Islands, Congress Street and Chestnut Street, Portland, Calvary UMC, Lewiston, Cape Elizabeth, South Portland, Long Island, and West Baldwin. Gwen always enjoyed her church work: cooking for the suppers and fellowship hours, and often serving as church secretary. She was also in Eastern Star, a life-long member of the Longfellow Chapter 61 in South Portland, where the Fendersons settled after many moves around the Conference.

Gwen died on September 3, 2005 in Auburn. A memorial service was held in South Portland on September 7, 2005. Gwen is survived by her daughters Nancy Harris of Auburn and Jane Leonard of Poway, CA; a grandson, Ben Leonard; a great-granddaughter, Elsie, of Raymond; an aunt, Alice Mien; an uncle, Dick Robinson, a niece, Carol Jones, and her children; a brother-in-law, Bud Fenderson, of Old Orchard Beach, and a sister-in-law, Phyllis Fenderson. Gwen was predeceased by her husband, Ed, and their oldest grandson, Ned Leonard.,

Veryl M. Howland



A faithful pastor's wife, Veryl was born on August 5, 1914 in East Lowell to Dean and E. Adellia Mallett. She graduated from Bangor High School, and married Leslie W. Howland. Together they served churches in Auburn, Lewiston, Augusta, and Waterville, ME, as well as the Central Maine District from 1971 to 1975. The Howlands were members of a social group jokingly called "The Methodist Drunks" who enjoyed dining out together periodically. Veryl was also a member of the United Methodist Women in the churches they served

She is remembered as sweet and smiling, with a good sense of humor, especially with children. She was very much at home in the church kitchen, joining in whenever she was needed. Her friend Dottie Cole remarked, "none knew her but to love her."

On February 25, 2006, Veryl died in her 92.year in Auburn, having outlived her husband Leslie by 14 years. Her funeral was held on March 12 at Calvary UMC, Lewiston, ME, followed by burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park. She is survived by a son, Vaughn, of Silver Springs, MD, two grandchildren, a sister, Elizabeth Dow; and several nieces and nephews.

Margaret Belinfante Jernigan



A former nurse and pastor's wife, Margaret was born on May 14, 1925 in Richmond Hill, Queens, NY, to Ernest and Lydia Belinfante. She graduated from Richmond Hill High School as vice president of her class and recipient of the Woodshop Award, the first given to a girl. Her classmates, however, voted her the "class clown." She then attended Hunter College at night, and later Adelphi College in the cadet nurse program, from which she graduated with a B.S. degree. Margaret then worked for the Visiting Nurse Service in New York City for a few years, during which time she met and married

the Rev. Homer Jernigan. They had five children, born between 1951 and 1966.

They first served a church in Amityville, NY and then moved to Chicago where Homer pursued a Phi) at Garrett Biblical Institute and Northwestern University. During these years, Margaret supervised student nurses at Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago.

The Jernigans then moved to Staunton, Vikki and on to Boston, where Margaret taught in the Nursery School at Second Congregational Church, West Newton. She remarked, "teaching nursery school was the best job I ever had, and they even paid me for it." Wishing to further her education, Margaret then earned three Master's degrees: an M.Ed. in 1974 at Boston University, an M.T.S. in Ethics of Health Care at Harvard Divinity School in 1985, and an M.S. in Community Health Nursing at Boston University in 1986. These degrees qualified her to teach nurses, first at Children's Hospital, then at Salem State college, and finally at Simmons College, from which she retired in 1994. During her husband's sabbatical in Singapore, she taught in the kindergarten of the American School. Her community involvement included membership with the League of Women Voters and the Auburndale Garden Club.

Margaret had the wisdom and ability to make the most of many opportunities for improvement which came her way over the years. These included trips to Russia and around the world twice, and a vacation home in Grafton, New Hampshire, which has become her husband's residence since her death.

Margaret died on September 15, 2005 in Boston. Her memorial service was held on October 2 at the United Parish of Auburndale, with the Revs. Jean Alexander and Ellis Johnson officiating. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Homer; five children: Daryl Battin of Lexington, MA, Catherine Wolinsky of Freeport, ME, Margaret Ann of Stonington, CT, David of Washington D.C., and Christopher of Duxbury, VT; and five grandchildren.

M. Louise Love

Louise was born into the Walker family in Boston on July 11, 1925. She grew up in Boston, graduated from Mass General Hospital School of Nursing as an RN, and later earned a Masters of Social Work at Simmons College. Her twenty years in social work included being on staff at the Westerly and Hartford, CT hospitals and in the Dialysis Unit of the Rhode Island Hospital for seven years.

In 1946 Louise married Howard Love, who entered ministry in 1949. Together they served churches in Thompsonville, CT, Westerly, RI, East Hartford, CT, Taunton, MA, East Providence, RI, Manchester, CT, and Coventry and Centerville, RI. While at Westerly, Louise volunteered at the YMCA. After Howard's retirement in 1987, the Loves moved to their own home in Charlestown, RI, which they had had since 1958. Gracious yet reserved, Louise particularly enjoyed gardening there.

Louise died on July 17, 2005, just after her 80th birthday, in Charlestown. A graveside service was held on July 20, 2006 at River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, RI.

Louise is survived by four children: John M. of Windsor, NY, Mark W. of Silver Springs, MD, Marice Love of White Plains, NY, and Jeffrey I. of Somerville, MA; and eight Grandchildren She was predeceased by her husband, Howard, in 1995.

Margaret B. McConnell

Margaret was a homemaker and the second wife of the Rev. Charles M. McConnell, pastor and professor at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary. They were married in 1953 and made their home in Deering NH. Margaret died on February 15, 2006, and all arrangements were private. She was predeceased by her husband Charles in 1957 and is survived by a son John.

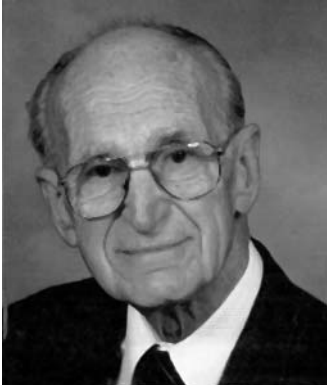
Robert Nachbar

Bob was born in Cranston, RI, on April 11, 1924 to Bessie Nachbar and her husband. Before finishing high school during World War II, he enlisted in the US Army and sewed in Italy and other battlefields from 1943 to 1945. Bob then joined the family upholstery textile business in Rhode Island as an accountant and salesman. He later worked in Manchester, NH for NH Supply Co. until ill health forced an early retirement.

Bob was a quiet man, generous, and very supportive of his family, especially during his wife's illnesses. The needs of his wife and two step-daughters came first, and he formally adopted his step-daughters in the 1980's. He felt that education was a priority and encouraged family members in those goals. He reached out to people and was known for his generosity and caring nature. Bob had heart trouble for many years, following surgery in 1998, which limited his activity and mobility.

Charlotte's last parish was at Peoples UMC, South Portland, ME, a church family they especially enjoyed, even for just a few months. Bob died on August 25, 2005, and his funeral was held in Canton, MA with burial at Sharon Memorial Cemetery on August 30. His wife, the Rev. Charlotte Nachbar, died unexpectedly the following April. They are survived by two daughters: Barbara Levin of Hingham, MA and her sister.

George Strout



George was born on March 1, 1926 in Mexico, ME to Milton and Mary (Caron) Strout. During World War II he sewed in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters in the US Navy. After discharge, he earned a B.S. degree at Harvard University in 1947, and taught math and physics at Munson Academy, Wilbraham, MA. From 1950 to 1955, he taught at Portsmouth Technical Institute, while earning an M.Ed. degree at the University of New Hampshire. From 1955 to 1963, George taught at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY, then became Kellogg Fellow at Michigan State University from 1963-64. Three years later, he would earn at Phi) in Junior and Community College Administration from that same university. From 1964 to 1972, he was the first President of NH Technical Institute in Concord, NH. In 1972, George joined the NH State Office of Junior and Community College Administration where he remained until 1977. Then he spent three years as Academic Dean at the Vermont Technical Institute in Randolph Center, VT He retired in 1988, having worked in three states in his special field for nearly 20 years.

Even in retirement, George continued an active life of volunteer work as planner and analyst at NH Technical Institute, as a Little League baseball coach, and as a member of Kiwanis Club. He also enjoyed gardening, lake and stream fishing (especially at Gilmanton Iron Works), and reading. George gave great support for his wife, Nadine, in parish ministry in Tilton-Northfield and Gorham-West Milan, NH. from 1988 to her retirement in 1996. He taught Sunday School, advised youth groups, and coached basketball. His wife declared that he was "an excellent clergy spouse." Later, the Strouts relocated to Chichester and Concord, NH.

George died on February 23, 2006 in Concord. His funeral was held at Wesley UMC, Concord, on February 28, with the Revs. Joel (3uillettemette and Lon Eldridge officiating. Burial was private. George is survived by his wife, the Rev. Nadine Strout.

Margaret A. (Olsen) Strout



A teacher and pastor's wife, Margaret was born on March 9, 1924 in Monson, ME to John Albert and Ardena (Haggstrom) Olson. She was educated at Monson Academy, graduating in 1942 as salutatorian of her class. She then attended Farmington Normal School, Gorham Normal School, and the University of Maine. She taught school in East Livermore, Pittsfield, and Jay, ME.

In June 1945 she married the Rev. Kingsley Lawrence Strout, and shared a 27-year ministry with him at East Livermore, Madison, Fairfield, Camden, Mapleton, Windham, and West Cumberland, ME. until 1971. Margaret enjoyed family activities, homemaking, reading, and writing.

After many years of declining health, Margaret died on November 5, 2005 at Gorham House. Her funeral was held on November 11 at the Windham Friends Meeting House, where Kingsley had pastored for 20 years. Burial was at Friends Cemetery, Windham. Besides her husband, Margaret is survived by their daughter, Katherine L. Strout, of Belfast, ME; their son, Kingsley Jr. ("Larry") of New Gloucester, ME; a brother, Russell Olson, of Windham; a sister, Beatrice Strout, of Lisbon Falls; two grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother, Lester Olson.

Margaret Tennis-Hughev



The daughter of a Methodist minister, Margaret was born in McConnellsburg, PA on September 25, 1915, the daughter of the late Rev. Albert and Mary (Robbins) Luring. She graduated from Alexandria High School, Alexandria, PA in 1933.

Margaret married her first husband, Earl H. Tennis that same year, and assisted him in his work as administrator of the Patriotic Order of Sons and America Home (POS of A) in Chalfont. He also founded Tennis Enterprises of Souderton. Meanwhile, she was an active member of Chalfont UMC and former president of the United Methodist Women there. She visited and read to many shut-ins, helped at the church nursery, volunteered at Grand View Hospital, and enjoyed the Young at Heart Group.

Mr. Tennis died in 1982. Six years later, Margaret married retired pastor Rev. Homer S. Hughey and they shared his retirement years until his death in 2001. She then moved to Texas, where she died on February 15, 2006 after a stroke. She was buried at White Marsh Memorial Park, Ambler, PA on February 22, 2006. Margaret is survived by five children: Harry A. Tennis of Canyon Lake, TX, James Tennis of the Villages, FL, Thomas L. of Inwood, WV, David G. of Catawissa, PA, and Mary Wolfgang of the Villages, FL; two stepdaughters, Rona Leighton of Chalfont and Sylvia Daniels of Sabattus, ME, and 23 grandchildren.

Nathalie F. Wiswell



Teacher, camp counselor, and pastor's wife, "Nat" was born on May 25, 1928 in Rockport, ME, the daughter of Forrest and Rebecca Fowle. She graduated from Farmington State Teachers' College, and spent 20 years as a secondary school teacher in various schools in the Augusta area.

A life-long member of the Methodist Church, Nat was active in many church events and programs. For over 20 years she served as a counselor at Camp Mechuwana, Winthrop, ME. She kept many scrapbooks filled with pictures of activities and campers, many of whom fondly remember her

camp name, "chicken," based on her family name.

In June 1962, Nathalie married the Rev. E. Everett Wiswell, joining him in 25 years of pastoral ministry in Maine at North Anson, Winthrop, Wayne, York, Caribou, and Waldoboro. Nat was also involved with choir, youth group, Bible study, women's groups, and others. In 1988, Nat and Everett retired to Pemaquid Point in New Harbor. She loved to entertain family and friends there, and was universally liked and admired. After Everett died in 2002, Nat settled into the Alzheimer's Care Center in Gardner.

She died peacefully on August 23, 2005 in Augusta. Her memorial service was held on August 25 in Waldoboro, followed by a graveside service on August 29 at Marston Cemetery, Orrington, ME. Nat is survived by her brother George Fowle of Texas; two step-children: Elizabeth Crane of Augusta and Ada Mulvey of Richmond; four grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and great grandchildren.